



## HEA 1213

### Career and Technical Education; Dual Credit Courses

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#### Career and Technical Education

**Synopsis:** This bill requires the Career Council to appoint a subcommittee that will examine the current Core 40 diploma offerings and make recommendations regarding the Core 40 and the possible need for a new Career and Technical Education Diploma. The subcommittee shall consist of a least one member from each Works Council and other members. The subcommittee's review and recommendations must be completed by October 1, 2015. Based on the subcommittee's work, CHE and the Career Council shall make recommendations to the SBOE. The SBOE must act on the recommendations by December 1, 2015.

#### HEA 1213 includes the following related to Career and Technical Education:

- The Indiana Career Council shall appoint a subcommittee of at least 14 individuals including the following:
  - One member from each Regional Works Council
  - One director of a high school career and technical education (CTE) program (who shall serve as Vice Chair of the subcommittee)
  - One Indiana Department of Education employee with experience in CTE.
  - One member representing community colleges
  - One member representing industry
  - One member representing the Commission for Higher Education (CHE)
- The subcommittee shall do the following by October 1, 2015:
  - Review the current Core 40 diploma course offerings, including types of courses and diplomas offered
  - Make recommendations to the State Board of Education (SBOE) concerning:
    - Changing course requirements for the Core 40 diploma, which may include the total number of academic credits required
    - Changing the types of diplomas offered
    - The need for a career and technical education diploma
  - Examine and make recommendations concerning career and technical education offerings.
- Requires the subcommittee to obtain input in developing the recommendations from licensed mathematics and English/language arts educators.
- Authorizes the subcommittee to design new curricula or create new courses with input from high school CTE programs, licensed mathematics and English/language arts educators, community colleges, and universities.

- If a new diploma is to be recommended by the subcommittee, it must require the following:
  - Require a minimum of 40 academic credits or the equivalent for graduation
  - Be designed so that completed courses may be used to fulfill the requirements established for other high school diplomas approved by the SBOE
  - Meet the college and career readiness education standards to be adopted by the SBOE before July 1, 2014.
- Provides that before the SBOE may take action on the recommendations, the Career Council and the CHE shall make recommendations to the SBOE. Based upon recommendations from the subcommittee, Career Council, and CHE, the SBOE may approve a CTE diploma or change the requirements for a Core 40 diploma.
- The SBOE must take action concerning the recommendations before December 1, 2015.

## **Dual Credit**

**Synopsis:** HEA 1213 also included two provisions regarding dual credit that are unrelated to the work of the Indiana Career Council, Works Councils, or State Board of Education.

### **HEA 1213 includes the following related to dual credit:**

- High schools must provide at least two dual credit courses and two advanced placement courses. Previous law required these to be offered only to high school students who qualify to enroll in the courses.
- A student enrolled in a dual credit course, after June 30, 2014, must achieve at least the equivalent of a 2.0 on a 4.0 unweighted grading scale to enroll in subsequent related dual credit course work in the same subject area. Previous law required students to achieve a 2.0 to receive postsecondary credit.

